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REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2006. Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

I. Disclosure Objection

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action objects to the disclosure. Applicants are amending the disclosure as suggested by the Office Action and submit that this amendment overcomes the objection. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

II. Claim Rejections

Paragraph 3 rejects claims 7-20 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting. Applicants are filing herewith a terminal disclaimer. Applicants submit that the filing of this terminal disclaimer overcomes these claim rejections. Withdrawal of these claim rejections is requested.

III. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge allowance of claims 1-6 and 21-30. In this regard, Applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicants believe that the application is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

IV. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge

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the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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